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Re: Public Records Act Request to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation dated  
June 4, 2019

Dear Mr. Ciaramella:

On June 4, 2019, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) received a Public Records Act Request from you regarding records related to all complaints or reports of suspected violations regarding cruise ships sent to the department between Jan. 1, 2017 and June 4, 2019. Staff from the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program have sent three emails requesting clarification of this request but have not received any reply.

Following these attempts to contact you, staff from the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program conducted a preliminary search and determined that there are 5,700 emails and files that could be responsive to your request, 1,000 air emission related documents and over 2,000 wastewater related documents. Some records are in paper format and some records are in an electronic format. Paper files are available at a cost of \$0.25 per page. Staff have estimated it would take a total of 170 hours of staff time to research and provide these records.

We charge for any hours exceeding five hours in a thirty day period, so the staff cost of responding to your request would be \$5,591. Before we can proceed with this request, we need to confirm that you are willing to reimburse the department for these costs associated with providing these records. The Department would release the records upon receiving payment.

If these records appear to be too voluminous for your needs, I might suggest that you try to narrow down or clarify your request to a particular area of interest, or location. Please note that the figures quoted above are preliminary estimates and the actual costs will be dependent on the final number of documents provided.

Pursuant to Alaska's public record regulations, the time limits outlined in those regulations will not begin to run again until we receive your response. If you have any questions regarding the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Program, please feel free to contact Ed White in our Juneau office at [edward.white@alaska.gov](mailto:edward.white@alaska.gov) or (907) 465-5138 or contact me in our Juneau Office at (907) 465-5061 or by email at [gary.mendivil@alaska.gov](mailto:gary.mendivil@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



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